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Uniforms

1. Personnel of the Hungarian Air Force and Army wore olive drab uniforms. The blouse had a high collar, two breast and two side pockets and five brass buttons. The HAF insignia was a blue rhomboid patch, about two cm wide and five cm long, with a white edge two cm wide. Staff sergeants and grades above wore a wing and propeller insignia of gold and a brass button with the national seal on the collar patch. Rank insignia was worn on shoulder boards about 12 cm long and 4 1/2 cm wide. The background of the shoulder boards worn by the Air Force was blue. First three graders and commissioned officers wore Sam Browne belts and a Soviet-type 7.62 caliber pistol was worn as a side arm. The lower four grades wore flight caps, with the armed forces insignia on the front. This insignia was a five-pointed red star, superimposed on three circles of red, white and green. First three graders and officers wore visor caps with a brass insignia representing the national seal.

△The points listed hereunder refer to memory sketch Enclosure (A)△

- Point #1. Olive drab cloth epaulet of a private, sewn to the blouse.
- Point #2. Olive drab epaulet of a private 1st class sewn to the blouse. A transversal silver stripe, about five mm wide was three cm from the edge of the epaulet.
- Point #3. Olive drab cloth epaulet of a corporal sewn to the blouse. It had two silver stripes about five mm wide which were three cm from the edge of the epaulet. The space between the stripes was approximately one cm.
- Point #4. Olive drab cloth epaulet of a sergeant, sewn to the blouse. There were three five mm silver stripes about three cm from the edge of the blouse.
- Point #5. Removable cloth shoulder board of a staff sergeant, with a medium blue background. There was one "T" shaped gold stripe about eight mm wide. The shoulder board also had a white edge, approximately three mm wide.
- Point #6. Removable cloth shoulder board of a technical sergeant; medium blue. It had a "T" shaped gold stripe about eight mm wide and a gold, transversal stripe, eight mm wide; also a white edge, three mm wide.

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- Point #7. Removable cloth shoulder board of a master sergeant; medium blue. There was a "T" shape gold stripe about eight mm wide, and two transversal gold stripes, eight mm wide, spaced five mm apart. It had a white edge, three mm wide.
- Point #8. Medium blue shoulder board for a lieutenant junior grade, with a gold longitudinal stripe, five mm wide, on which a five-pointed silver star was superimposed. It had a white edge approximately three mm wide and gold piping three mm wide.
- Point #9. Medium blue shoulder board of a lieutenant with a five-pointed gold star. It had a white edge three mm wide, and gold piping of the same width.
- Point #10. Shoulder board of a lieutenant senior grade with two five-pointed gold stars. (Otherwise, it was the same as the shoulder board described in Point #9.)
- Point #11. Shoulder board of a captain with three five-pointed gold stars. (Otherwise it was the same as the one described in Point #9.)
- Point #12. Shoulder board of a major, with one, five-pointed gold star in the middle and a transversal gold thread stripe about 1 1/2 mm wide, between the star and the outer edge.
- Point #13. Shoulder board of a lieutenant colonel, with two, five-pointed gold stars. (Otherwise, it was the same as the shoulder board of a major.)
- Point #14. Shoulder board of a colonel, with three, five-pointed gold stars. (Otherwise, it was the same as the shoulder board of a major.)
- Point #15. Shoulder board of a brigadier general; red cloth, with a silver thread star superimposed on a woven gold oak leaf.
- Point #16. Shoulder board of a major general. (It was the same as a brigadier general's, except for two, five-pointed silver stars).
- Point #17. Shoulder board of a lieutenant general. (It was the same as a brigadier general's except for three, five-pointed silver stars).

The points listed hereunder refer to memory sketch, Enclosure (B)

- Point #1. Insignia of the Hungarian Republic, made of brass, with a red star on the top and the national colors, red, white and green, on the bottom. This insignia was on the buttons of the blouse, overcoat and on the epauletts; it also was worn on the G-1 rison caps of first three graders and officers.
- Point #2. Brass insignia worn on the collar patch of first three graders.
- Point #3. Signal Corps insignia worn by the Air Force.
- Point #4. Artillery insignia.
- Point #5. Motorized insignia.
- Point #6. Armored units insignia.
- Point #7. Infantry insignia, including paratroops. The same insignia was worn by civilian police.
- Point #8. Cavalry insignia.
- Point #9. Danube flotilla insignia.

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Point #10. Insignia for all the Hungarian Armed Forces which was a red star with a diameter of about 50 mm, superimposed on three circles of red, white and green. The diameter of the red outer circle was about 40 mm. This insignia was painted on aircraft and vehicles.

Point #11. Collar patch which denoted the branches of the service, according to the color. It was about five cm long and two cm wide. The colors representing the various branches are as follows:

Air Force	Medium blue background with white edge.
Paratroops	Forest green background with white edge.
Antiaircraft Artillery	Bright red background with white edge.
Signal Corps	Dark violet.
Artillery	Bright red.
Motorized units	Brown.
Armored Force	Sky blue.
Infantry	Forest green.
Cavalry	Leamon yellow.
Medical Corps	Black.

2. The various ranks in the Hungarian Armed Forces are as follows:

Hungarian Nomenclature	Abbreviations	US Equivalent
Vezerezredes (Highest rank in Hungarian Armed Forces)	No known abbr.	Lt Gen
Altbornagy	Altbn	Maj Gen
Vezornagy	Vezorn	Brig Gen
Ezredes	No known abbr.	Col
Alszredes	Alez	Lt Col
Szazados	Szds	Capt
Fohadnagy	Fhdgy	Lt Sr. Grade (1st Lt.)
Hadnagy	Hdgy	Lt (2nd Lt)
Alhadnagy	Alhdgy	Lt Jr Grade (Flight Officer)
Főtörzsörrmester	F.Torm	Master Sgt
Törzsörrmester	Torm	Teah Sgt
Örmester	Orm	S/Sgt
Szakszervező	Szskv	Sgt
Tizedes	Tiz	Opt
Örvezető	Orv	Pfc
Honvéd	Honv	Pvt

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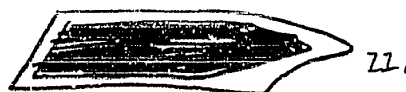
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ENCLOSURE (B)

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Sketch of insignias used by the Hungarian Armed Forces

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